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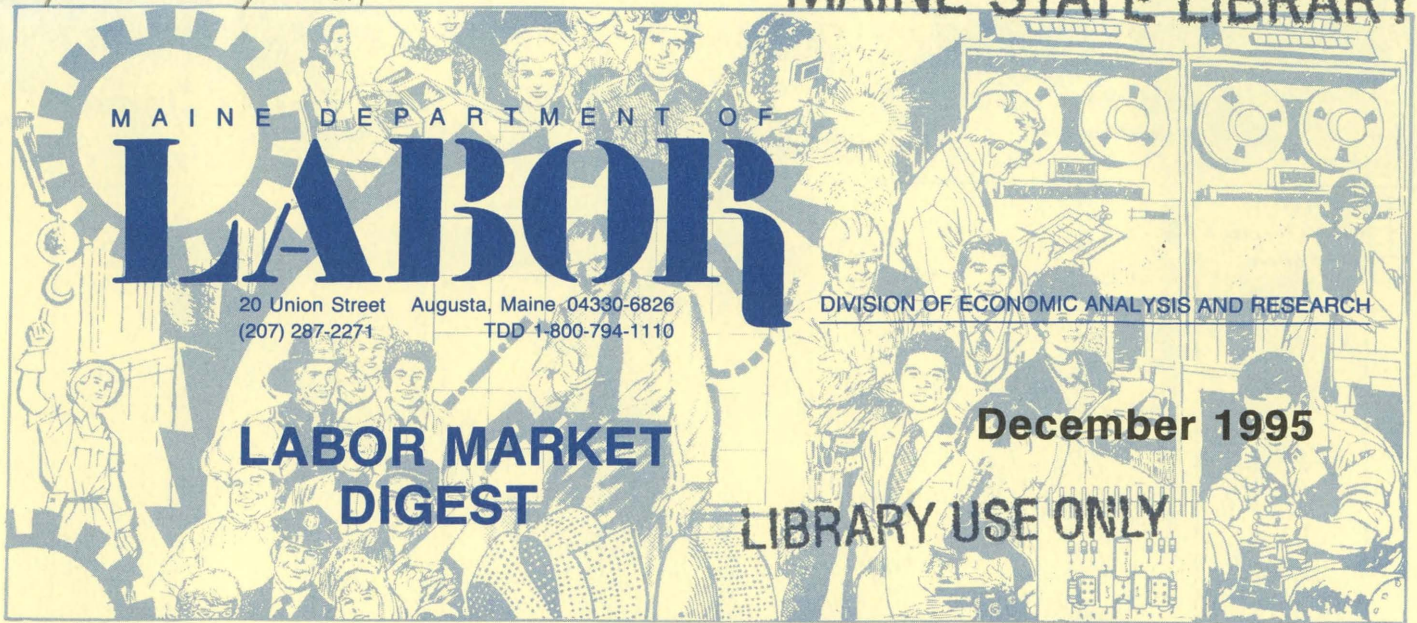
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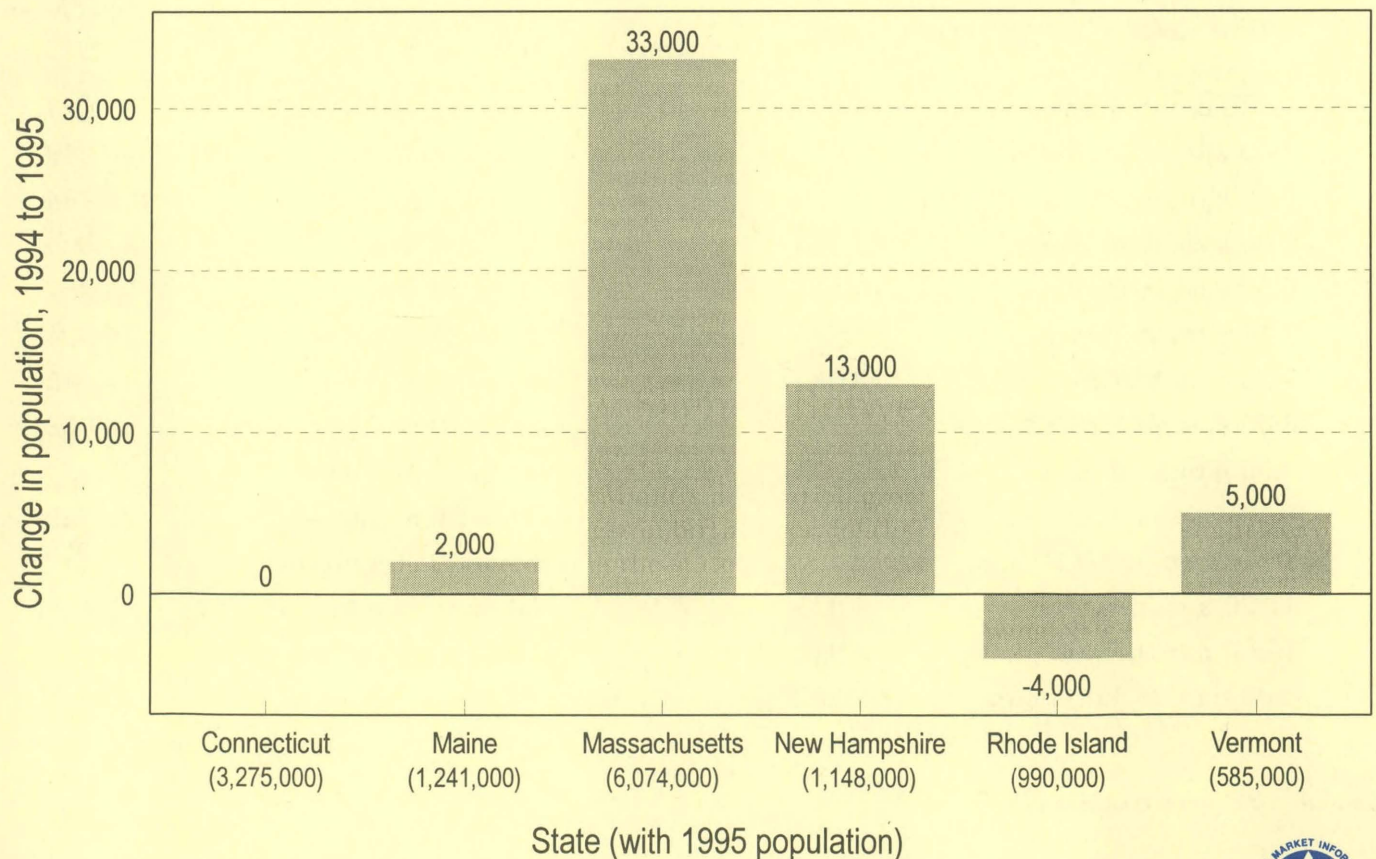


The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Maine's Population Grew Slightly Between 1994 and 1995

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, Maine's population grew by 2,000 to 1,241,000 between 1994 and 1995. A small natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) more than offset a slight net out-migration (more people leaving than entering the state).

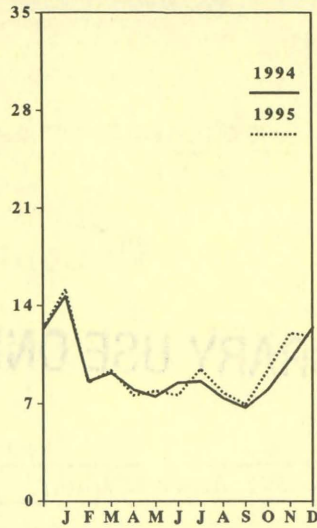
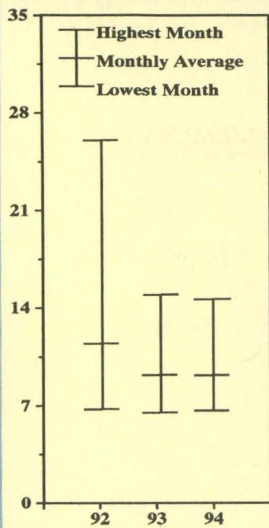
While Massachusetts recorded the largest population gain, the fastest growing New England states were New Hampshire and Vermont. Rhode Island was one of only two states in the nation to lose population.



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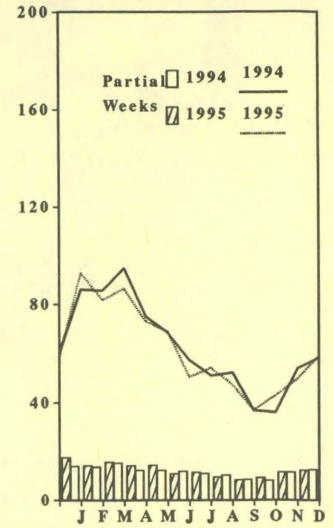
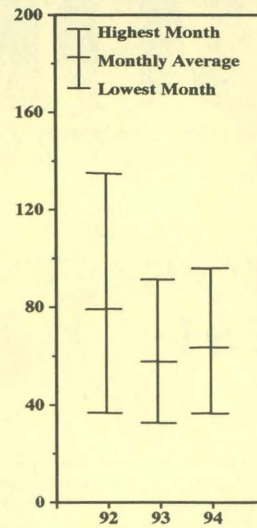
UI Initial Claims

In Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

In Thousands



Maine Residents Who Worked Outside the Home in 1990

About 55 percent of them left for work between 6:00 a.m. and 7:59 a.m.

It took them an average of 19 minutes to get to work.

Time Leaving Home to Go to Work

12:00 am to 4:59 a.m.	16,423
5:00 a.m. to 5:29 a.m.	15,463
5:30 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	27,453
6:00 a.m. to 6:29 a.m.	60,153
6:30 a.m. to 6:59 a.m.	78,217
7:00 a.m. to 7:29 a.m.	86,530
7:30 a.m. to 7:59 a.m.	77,015
8:00 a.m. to 8:29 a.m.	51,340
8:30 a.m. to 8:59 a.m.	22,124
9:00 a.m. to 9:59 a.m.	19,903
10:00 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.	8,487
11:00 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.	4,333
12:00 p.m. to 3:59 p.m.	42,954
4:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.	36,060

Travel Time to Work

Less than 5 minutes	36,884
5 to 9 minutes	93,218
10 to 14 minutes	100,744
15 to 19 minutes	91,805
20 to 24 minutes	73,057
25 to 29 minutes	25,984
30 to 34 minutes	54,115
35 to 39 minutes	10,008
40 to 44 minutes	11,735
45 to 59 minutes	26,729
60 to 89 minutes	16,517
90 or more minutes	5,659

Source: 1990 Census of Population.

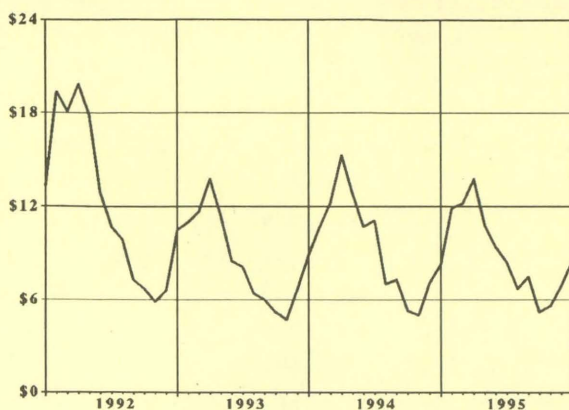


Selected Employment Security Activities



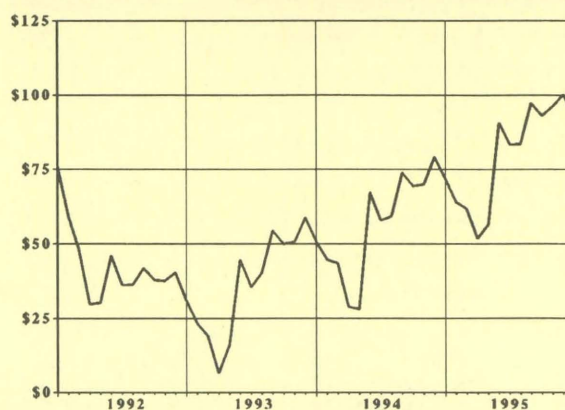
Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions
(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions
(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1992	1993	1994
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing.....	\$514.81	\$503.14	\$497.95	40.6	39.9	41.6	\$12.68	\$12.61	\$11.97	\$11.38	\$11.63	\$11.95
Durable Goods.....	514.79	496.54	497.28	42.3	40.8	41.2	12.17	12.17	12.07	11.14	11.43	11.88
Lumber and Wood Products.....	415.49	404.17	404.91	41.8	41.2	41.7	9.94	9.81	9.71	9.25	9.33	9.56
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	483.30	466.34	455.10	45.0	43.1	41.0	10.74	10.82	11.10	10.45	11.00	10.97
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	608.02	580.36	611.83	47.8	44.0	44.4	12.72	13.19	13.78	12.82	13.32	13.89
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment.....	407.90	406.60	418.81	38.3	38.0	38.6	10.65	10.70	10.85	10.02	10.33	10.71
Transportation Equipment.....	708.05	676.03	654.87	43.2	40.7	41.5	16.39	16.61	15.78	14.09	14.64	15.18
Other Durable Goods.....	402.99	386.12	384.16	39.9	39.4	40.1	10.10	9.80	9.58	8.86	8.89	9.35
Nondurable Goods.....	515.73	508.17	498.19	39.1	39.0	41.9	13.19	13.03	11.89	11.57	11.79	12.01
Food and Kindred Products.....	342.54	355.49	327.22	34.6	35.8	34.7	9.90	9.93	9.43	9.15	9.34	9.55
Textile Mill Products.....	431.28	421.13	429.66	42.2	40.3	46.5	10.22	10.45	9.24	9.03	9.49	9.33
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	326.25	350.61	294.70	37.5	40.3	36.7	8.70	8.70	8.03	7.65	7.95	8.08
Paper and Allied Products.....	818.13	803.86	772.50	42.5	42.6	45.9	19.25	18.87	16.83	16.25	16.63	17.02
Leather and Leather Products.....	320.11	319.96	326.36	36.5	36.4	39.8	8.77	8.79	8.20	7.92	8.00	8.32
Other Nondurable Goods.....	425.26	413.67	446.87	37.7	37.1	41.3	11.28	11.15	10.82	10.07	10.28	10.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing.....	436.87	427.05	433.40	39.5	38.3	39.4	11.06	11.15	11.00	10.55	10.68	10.78
LEWISTON/AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing.....	407.81	406.11	401.72	38.4	39.2	41.5	10.62	10.36	9.68	9.53	9.82	9.76

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	305.9	309.8	275.7
Unemployment (Percent)	10.4	14.4	15.4
Resident Employed	295.5	295.4	260.3

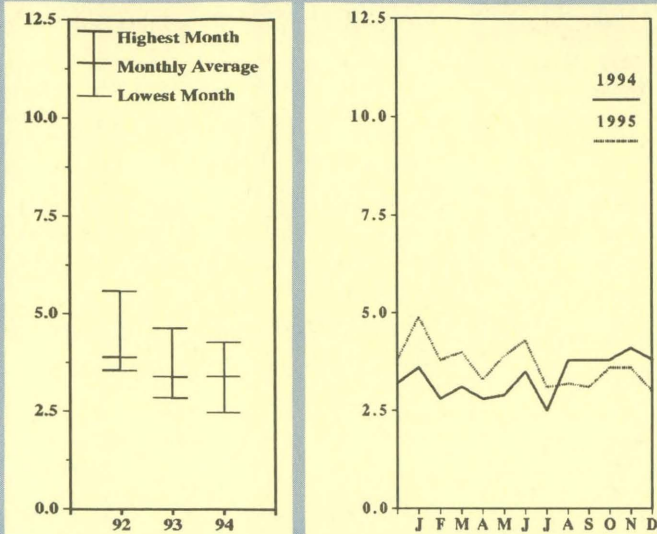
U.S. Consumer Price Index

ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	150.9	150.9	147.2	147.2
Percent Change for Past Month		0.0%		
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago		+2.5%		
Percent Change from Last December		+2.5%		

^{1/} Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

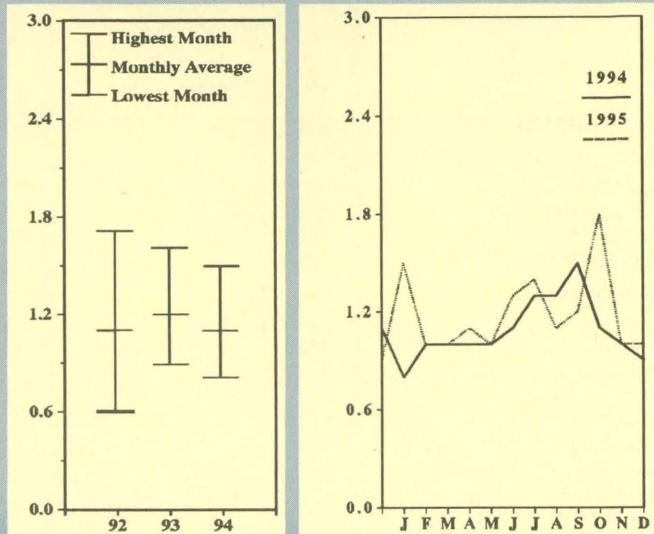
New Applications For Work

In Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/.....	548.9	551.5	541.5	130.6	131.0	131.5	41.9	42.2	42.4
Goods Producing.....	115.1	117.2	115.3	19.2	18.9	18.6	9.6	9.9	10.6
Construction and Mining.....	23.0	24.4	21.8	5.2	5.3	5.2	1.5	1.6	1.8
Building Construction.....	5.5	5.7	5.1	0.8	0.8	1.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors.....	14.0	14.5	13.0	4.1	4.1	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing.....	92.1	92.8	93.5	14.0	13.6	13.4	8.1	8.3	8.8
Durable Goods.....	43.0	43.2	42.2	6.6	6.4	5.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products.....	11.5	11.3	10.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	3.8	3.7	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	4.5	4.6	4.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.....	7.4	7.3	7.1	2.3	2.2	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment.....	11.4	11.4	11.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/.....	4.4	4.9	4.4	3.0	2.9	2.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods.....	49.1	49.6	51.3	7.4	7.2	7.7	5.9	6.1	6.6
Food and Kindred Products.....	6.4	6.4	6.7	2.2	2.1	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products.....	5.0	5.1	5.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	2.3	2.3	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products.....	14.8	14.8	15.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing.....	5.8	5.8	5.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products.....	3.2	3.2	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products.....	10.1	10.3	10.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.7	1.8	2.0
Footwear (except Rubber).....	8.5	8.6	9.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/.....	1.5	1.7	1.3	2.5	2.4	2.7	4.2	4.3	4.6
Service Producing.....	433.8	434.3	426.2	111.4	112.1	112.9	32.3	32.3	31.8
Transportation and Public Utilities.....	23.3	23.3	22.9	5.7	5.7	5.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
Wholesale Trade.....	25.2	25.2	23.9	8.4	8.5	8.3	2.1	2.1	1.9
Retail Trade.....	115.6	115.3	115.0	32.8	33.1	33.6	8.8	8.8	8.9
General Merchandise Stores.....	14.2	14.2	13.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores.....	19.6	19.4	19.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places.....	32.1	32.8	31.7	8.4	8.7	8.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.....	26.1	26.0	26.7	11.5	11.5	12.4	1.9	2.0	1.9
Banking.....	9.5	9.5	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents.....	10.9	10.9	11.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services.....	149.0	149.4	141.6	35.8	36.1	35.8	12.9	12.8	12.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places.....	7.3	7.8	7.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services.....	19.7	19.9	17.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services.....	51.4	51.6	50.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government.....	13.4	13.2	13.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government.....	27.1	27.5	27.5	4.8	4.9	4.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government.....	54.1	54.4	54.8	10.5	10.4	10.2	3.8	3.8	3.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 29. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publications. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000).....	640.8	646.1	601.1	608.2	608.1	560.3	32.6	37.9	40.8	5.1	5.9	6.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA.....	49,800	50,700	46,500	47,700	48,000	43,900	2,100	2,700	2,600	4.2	5.3	5.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA.....	52,000	52,400	49,200	49,500	49,500	46,200	2,400	2,900	3,000	4.7	5.5	6.1
Portland MSA.....	122,200	122,800	115,900	118,800	118,900	110,900	3,400	4,000	5,000	2.8	3.2	4.3
Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA.....	n/a	n/a	100,900	n/a	n/a	97,000	n/a	n/a	4,000	n/a	n/a	3.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta.....	45,890	46,660	42,400	43,440	43,390	39,770	2,450	3,270	2,630	5.3	7.0	6.2
Bath-Brunswick.....	34,810	34,950	32,840	33,580	33,600	31,490	1,220	1,350	1,350	3.5	3.9	4.1
Belfast.....	12,790	12,940	11,750	11,920	12,010	10,660	870	930	1,090	6.8	7.2	9.3
Biddeford.....	33,510	34,010	31,160	32,070	32,450	29,120	1,430	1,560	2,040	4.3	4.6	6.5
Boothbay Harbor.....	7,620	7,750	7,410	7,240	7,250	6,900	380	500	510	5.0	6.5	6.8
Bucksport.....	5,230	5,220	4,780	4,920	4,880	4,410	310	340	370	5.9	6.5	7.8
Calais.....	5,390	5,540	5,140	4,950	5,000	4,530	440	540	610	8.2	9.8	11.8
Dexter-Pittsfield.....	13,420	13,220	12,270	12,350	11,970	11,050	1,080	1,250	1,220	8.0	9.4	9.9
Dover-Foxcroft.....	7,520	7,540	7,060	7,050	6,990	6,500	460	550	560	6.2	7.3	8.0
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor.....	18,180	18,610	17,810	16,770	17,140	16,130	1,400	1,460	1,680	7.7	7.9	9.4
Farmington.....	17,980	17,790	17,060	16,930	16,610	15,890	1,050	1,180	1,170	5.8	6.6	6.8
Fort Kent.....	3,930	3,980	3,660	3,610	3,570	3,280	320	410	380	8.1	10.4	10.4
Greenville.....	1,110	1,160	1,030	980	1,020	880	120	150	150	11.1	12.7	14.3
Houlton.....	7,010	6,990	6,330	6,560	6,500	5,870	450	500	460	6.4	7.1	7.3
Jonesport-Milbridge.....	4,000	4,260	3,510	3,690	3,940	3,140	300	320	370	7.6	7.5	10.6
Kittery-York 3/.....	19,660	19,940	18,500	19,160	19,210	17,740	500	730	760	2.5	3.7	4.1
Lincoln-Howland.....	5,780	5,790	5,360	5,460	5,420	4,870	320	370	490	5.5	6.3	9.1
Machias-Eastport.....	6,950	6,810	6,120	6,230	6,260	5,540	710	540	580	10.3	8.0	9.5
Madawaska.....	4,240	4,190	3,840	3,950	3,920	3,510	290	270	330	6.8	6.5	8.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket.....	5,180	5,110	5,290	4,730	4,670	4,560	450	450	730	8.7	8.8	13.9
Norway-Paris.....	10,820	10,830	9,830	10,080	10,000	8,960	740	830	880	6.9	7.6	8.9
Outer Bangor.....	7,910	8,080	7,240	7,420	7,510	6,590	490	570	650	6.2	7.1	9.0
Patten-Island Falls.....	2,450	2,380	1,730	2,290	2,190	1,560	160	180	170	6.5	7.7	9.9
Presque Isle-Caribou.....	20,420	20,780	20,420	18,570	18,560	17,800	1,850	2,220	2,620	9.1	10.7	12.8
Rockland.....	22,430	22,570	20,430	21,350	21,610	19,250	1,070	960	1,170	4.8	4.3	5.7
Rumford.....	10,610	10,130	10,050	9,970	9,290	9,330	640	840	720	6.0	8.3	7.1
Sanford.....	22,090	22,110	20,460	20,870	20,750	18,890	1,230	1,360	1,570	5.5	6.2	7.7
Sebago Lakes Region.....	12,220	12,210	11,550	11,580	11,460	10,820	640	750	740	5.2	6.1	6.4
Skowhegan.....	15,980	16,340	14,670	14,710	14,870	13,100	1,270	1,470	1,580	8.0	9.0	10.7
Stonington.....	5,580	5,620	5,050	5,340	5,370	4,820	240	260	230	4.3	4.5	4.6
Van Buren.....	1,560	1,550	1,510	1,400	1,370	1,290	160	180	220	10.5	11.4	14.7
Waterville.....	24,630	25,140	23,270	22,970	23,030	21,030	1,660	2,110	2,240	6.7	8.4	9.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut.....	n/a	n/a	1,694.6	n/a	n/a	1,610.4	n/a	n/a	84.3	n/a	n/a	5.0
Massachusetts.....	3,146.0	3,151.0	3,194.0	2,995.0	2,999.0	3,026.0	152.0	152.0	168.0	4.8	4.8	5.2
New Hampshire.....	n/a	n/a	628.8	n/a	n/a	602.9	n/a	n/a	26.0	n/a	n/a	4.1
Rhode Island.....	n/a	n/a	501.1	n/a	n/a	470.2	n/a	n/a	30.9	n/a	n/a	6.2
Vermont.....	n/a	n/a	318.3	n/a	n/a	305.3	n/a	n/a	13.0	n/a	n/a	4.1
UNITED STATES(000).....	132,008	132,622	131,418	125,136	125,599	124,729	6,872	7,024	6,690	5.2	5.3	5.1

Footnotes

- 1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
- 2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.
- 3/ Kittery-York is the five-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.
- Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	12,685	10,693	12,140	1,401	1,219	1,431	991	845	833

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

Item	1994	1995											
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Civilian Labor Force 1/	609.2	619.7	623.4	621.5	623.1	631.4	637.6	641.1	647.5	653.8	652.7	654.2	650.4
Resident Employment	567.1	584.9	588.9	587.3	586.8	591.9	598.6	600.9	607.6	613.3	614.3	618.0	617.4
Unemployment	42.1	34.8	34.5	34.2	36.4	39.5	39.0	40.2	39.9	40.6	38.4	36.2	32.9
Percent of Labor Force	6.9	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.5	5.1
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	537.3	539.0	541.1	541.7	542.3	541.4	542.4	540.6	542.3	544.2	543.9	543.9	545.1
Construction	22.0	21.8	21.7	21.8	22.3	22.0	21.9	22.1	22.1	22.9	22.7	22.9	22.9
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	41.6	41.7	42.0	41.9	42.1	41.9	42.2	41.5	41.8	42.1	42.0	42.2	42.2
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	51.2	51.5	51.1	50.5	50.4	50.0	50.1	50.2	50.1	49.5	49.4	49.5	49.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.9	22.7	22.7	22.8	23.0	23.1	23.3	22.8	22.9	22.9	23.3	23.0	23.0
Wholesale Trade	23.8	23.8	23.9	24.1	24.4	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.8	25.1	25.1	25.1
Retail Trade	112.4	112.9	113.6	113.5	113.5	113.4	113.9	113.8	113.6	113.9	114.3	113.2	113.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.9	26.8	26.7	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.6	26.5	26.4	26.0	26.0	26.1	26.2
Services	143.6	146.1	147.0	147.9	147.6	147.6	148.0	148.5	149.5	150.8	150.4	151.1	152.5
Government	92.8	91.6	92.3	92.3	92.2	92.2	91.8	90.6	91.3	91.2	90.6	90.7	91.0

1/ Place of residence.

2/ Place of work.

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